(c) what is the estimated cost of the above project; and

(d) what is the present status of the proposed project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) There is no such project with Ministry of Railways.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Platform tickets from machine

455. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are going to set up a platform ticket machine "drop coin get the platform ticket" at Bilaspur Railway Zone;

(b) if so, by when this machine is likely to be installed;

(c) the number of people who would be benefited by this facility;

(d) whether these machines would be provided to other Railway Stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) At present there is no such proposal for setting up of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines for sale of platform tickets on South East Central Railway Zone, Bilaspur.

(d) to (e) The State-wise details of Platform Ticket Vending Machines presently available at various stations are as under:

Name of the State	No. of Stations
Kerala	2
Madhya Pradesh	1
Maharashtra	1
Tamil Nadu	4

Provision of platform ticket vending machine is a part of on-going process of improvement in ticketing system.